Curtailment of Funds to Bhingar Cantoment Board Ahmednagar

6022. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE to be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have curtailed the funds Bhingar Cantoment Board in Ahmadnagar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to release more funds to this Cantoment Board to meet the expenses on development workss and for construction of a community hall;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Cantoment Board constructed a Mangal Karyalya at a cost of Rs. 13 lakhs during 1988-89. There is no proposal under the Government's consideration for the construction of another Community Hall or for the sanction of additional funds to the Cantoment Board.

[*Translation*]

Dry Port in Pune

6023. SHRI YASHWANTRAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE to be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a dry port in pune; and

(b) if so, when it is proposed to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A Container Freight Station (CFS) has already been commissioned at Pune by the Central Warehousing Corporation on 15.6.1990. The CFS provides facilities for appregation, Stuffing and Customs clearance for export cargo as also for destuffing, Customs clearance and dispersal of import cargo.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Checking of Smuggling Activities

6024. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggled goods worth several lakhs rupees have been seized by the police and the customs officials from different parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken in each case;

(c) the steps taken to strengthen the road, air and sea routes to check smuggling;

(d) whether a large number of people visit foreign countries with the sole aim of smuggling and bringing banned and contraband items;

(e) if so, the steps taken to keep a special eye on such persons and how many of them were nabbed in the past; and

(f) the income from the sale of such seized goods during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (e). The quantity and value of gold and silver and the value of other contraband goods seized by various agencies under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962 during the financial years 1988-89, 1989-90,1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto June, 1991) are given in the enclosed Statement I. The quantity of various narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized by drug law enforcement agencies in the country during the same period are given in the enclosed Statement II. State-wise statistics of the contraband goods are not maintained separately.

The number of persons arrested/prosecuted by the Customs authorities throughout the country during the last three calender years are given in the table below:

	Number arrested	*Number prosecuted*
1989	3884	2028
1990	3356	1528
*1991 (upto 26.8.91)	1482	825

*Figures are provisional

Persons found involved in smuggling of contraband goods are penalised in departmental adjudication and are also prosecuted in Courts of Law in suitable cases. They are also detained under the provisions of Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974, if considered necessary.

The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country especially in the vulnerable areas of the land borders, coastline and the international airports and seaports has been geared up. Close co-ordination is being maintained with all the agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling. Sophisticated equipment like x-ray baggage machines, metal detectors, night vision binoculars etc. are being increasingly used.

(f) The value of disposal of Customs confiscated goods by the Customs authorities during the last three years are given in the table below:-

Year	*Value (Rs. in crores)*
1989	484.30
1990	486.61
*1991 (upto July)	325.95

*Figure is provisional

STATEMENT — I

Year	Gold		Silver		Value of other contraband seized (Rs. in crores)
	Quantity (in kgs.)	Value (Rs. in crores)	Quantity (in kgs.)	Value (Rs. in Crores)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1988-89	8086	264.43	26010	16.64	198.80
1989-90	6268	199.50	148461	102.56	243.88
1990-91	5399	183.97	206666	136.92	388.32
*1991-92 (upto June)	1744	61.40	66644	45.08	109.15

* Figures are provisional

STATEMENT — II

(Quantity in Kgs.)

** Drug*	*1989-89*	*1988-90*	*1990-91*	*@ 1991-92 (upto June)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
Opium	2271	4887	1989	1294
Morphine	21	92	8	4
Heroin	2784	2402	1039	178
Ganja	42104	50482	38052	33461
Hashish	7921	7165	6899	1031
Cocaine	9	3	2	—
Methaqualone	1395	858	2282	259
Amphetamine	9	1	—	—
Phenobarbital	—	720	—	—

@ Figures are provisional

*No precise value of Narcotic Drugs can be estimated since it depends on its purity, place of origin etc.